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COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (CDH) MONITORING REQUEST

This information is for the attention of R. D. Reed.

Notification of CDH's intent to monitor/approve Rocky Flats surface water discharges was received on December 12, 1986. The motive for this unprecedented request for surface water discharge control is not known. As you are aware, Rocky Flats is currently regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA Region VIII) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. While a non-binding, courtesy notification arrangement is possible with CDH on their request (see attachment) no jurther concessions or controls are recommended. A draft letter reflecting this position is attached for your review and use. Please forward a suitable response to A. J. Hazle at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions or require additional information please contact G. H. Setlock (Ext. 2453) or my office.

G. W. Campbell, Acting Director Health, Safety and Environment

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Mr. Albert J. Hazle, Director Radiation Control Division Colorado Department of Health 4210 East 11th Avenue Denver, Colorado 80220

Dear Mr. Hazle

In response to your request of 12 December 1986, we would be receptive to notify the Radiation Control Division, Colorado Department of Health of any planned offsite releases from the A, B, or C series ponds on the Rocky Flats Plant site. Samples may then be taken by CDH from the appropriate pond prior to discharge so that analyses for alpha, beta and tritium activity concentrations may be made. If CDH sampling is performed promotly after notification and if CDH sample analyses require no more tran thirty-six hours after sampling to process, the CDH analytical results should be available prior to the discharge time. We would appreciate being informed of those analytical results.

The Rocky Flats Plant will, of course, continue with its own sampling and analysis program as prescribed by our Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, Department of Energy requirements, and Plant policy.

The notification of planned discharge given to the Radiological Control Division will be provided as a courtesy to CDH by the Rocky Flats Plant. It is not to be taken as an acknowledgment of regulatory jurisdiction, since such jurisdiction does not rest with CDH. Prompt sampling and analysis should provide CDH with analytical results prior to RFP discharges. However, if those results are not available and if all of the Rocky Flats regulatory requirements are met, Rocky Flats reserves the right to proceed with discharge.

We hope that this arrangement will satisfy your request and that it will result in a continuation of the cooperation which has historically characterized CDH-Rocky Flats Plant interactions.